

The Champion Connection

A Newsletter For Champion Customers, Employees & Friends

Willy Boos Celebrates 45 Years!

On October 27, 1947, after serving in the Navy during World War II, Wilbur F. Boos began his career at W.S. Darley & Co.

Starting in the maintenance department, and working in most areas of the plant, Willy gradually learned and understood all facets of the Fire Pump Division. After working an eight hour day in the shop, he went out on evenings, calling on fire departments within a 100 mile radius of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Due to his ambition and hard work, he was named factory manager in 1967. In 1986 Willy was promoted to Vice President, Fire Pump Division.

To many, Willy Boos is synonymous with Chippewa Falls and W.S. Darley & Co. He has left a lasting impression on thousands of visitors from around the world, as they journeyed to our manufacturing plants.

Willy has travelled to all corners of the world as an ambassador for the company. His extensive knowledge of pumps, has earned him the title "Pope of Pumps" within the industry.

Willy will remain with the company on a part time basis in future years as a consultant and still an integral part of our management team. Over the past several years, Frank Bucheger and others have taken on some of Willy's responsibilities to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Willy and Eileen Boos have been married for 45 years and raised five



Willy Boos - Vice President

children. One daughter and a son-in-law are currently working for the company.

Willy has been extremely active in his community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for a local bank, and several charity organizations. He is a past president of the Rotary Club, Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce, and was awarded the Chippewa Falls Jaycee Distinguished Service Award for service to the community.



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Willy & Eileen Boos hard at work in New Zealand



Photograph taken in 1963 shows Willy Boos (left) with past president of Darley Joe O'Reilly (middle)

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From The Office Of Paul C. Darley



It seems each year around this time, I tend to get a little more sentimental than during the rest of the year. It's that time when we reflect back on the past 12 months, and begin to plan for the next year. It's also that time of year that I tend to concentrate more on relationships - family, friends and business.

When I first joined our company, one of the lessons that Bill Darley taught me was that the Fire Equipment Industry was one big family. He explained that our business is unique in that once people worked within our industry, they tend to never leave.

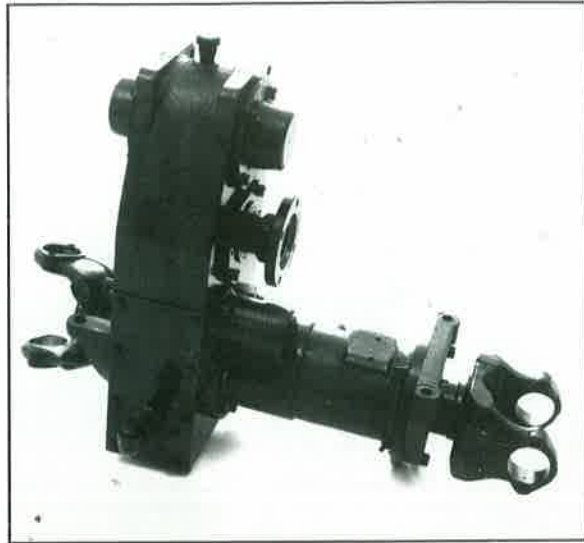
Many of us have a long standing relationship with Willy Boos. Over the years, Willy has led by example and strengthened relationships with his family, community and business.

We have enjoyed another record year in sales, and I feel that this success is based in part on the relationships that we have built together over the years. We value our business and personal relationship with you, and hope that you view us as more than just your pump supplier. We thank you for your business, and are looking forward to another exciting year with you.

On behalf of the entire Darley family and Company, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and we extend our wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Paul C. Darley
Vice President
Sales/Marketing



Split Shaft PTO

Over the past few years, the Darley Split Shaft PTO has gained in popularity.

Rescue truck manufacturers are now able to drive large generators and compressors without the need for an auxiliary engine. Pumper manufacturers are now able to drive large rear mounted pumps.

Many manufacturers in the U.S. and around the world, have found the Darley Split Shaft PTO to be ideal for their needs due to it's flexibility and ease of installation.

Some of the benefits offered are:

- 2 or 3 gear design
- Output shaft is located above the frame rails
- Engine and opposite engine rotation
- Ability to power multiple accessories simultaneously
- Standard or heavy duty shaft
- Wide range of gear ratios
- "H" High Pressure pump option
- Lock on yokes for easy installation

A few manufacturers have discovered the added benefit of attaching the "H" high pressure pump to the side of the Darley Split Shaft PTO, which gives the advantage of simultaneous high volume and high pressure operation. Rescue truck manufacturers can now offer a vehicle that has fire fighting capabilities in addition to driving generators eliminating the need for additional vehicles and personnel.

If you would like more information -- **JUST ASK!**

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